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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2005 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

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111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of December 15, 2004***
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***
- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. SLIM LINE BUS SHELTERS UPDATE**
 - B. PEOPLES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE**
 - C. PTP AMENDMENT UPDATE**
- VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**
- VII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT**
- VIII. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	2/09/05
CTAC Full Committee	2/23/05
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BPAC	2/23/05
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2005

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Mike Hatcher, Chair
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Naomi Wright, Second Vice-Chair
Rolando Acosta
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Jan Thakkar
Jeffrey Wander
John West brook
Andrea Young

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Anthony Fouche, MPO
George Navarrete, MDT
Ralph Cutie, MDT
Clinton Forbes, MDT
Seraphin Bernard, MDT
Joel Pina, MDT
Esther Frometa, MDT
Suzie LaPlant, MDT
Alex Diaz, MDT
Surinder Sahota, MDT
Ruby Adams, MDT
Hugh W. Chen, MDT
Ron Barns, MDT
Jorge Fernandez, MDT
Patrice Rosemond. OCITT
Nan Markowitz, Director OCITT
Moss Miles, CITT
Oscar Braynon, Office of Comm. Carey-Shuler

J.W. Johnson, TWU
Terry Daniels, TWU
Delfin A. Molins, MDPW
Daniel J. Alfonso, OSBM
Carolyn Martin, OCA
John Netsopoolos, SFRTA
Sergio Masvidal, PFM
John Lafferty, PB
Mike Robinson, A.R.T
Greg Blackman, GSAF/OPEIU
Rafael Torras, WSCV Ch. 51
Mark Alvarez, CUTR
Norbert Sobls, Citizen
Sherwood Duboge, Citizens
Michele Parker, Citizen
Alina Savals, Citizen
Vivienne Jackson, Citizen
Denny R. Wood, Citizen
Stanley K. Shapiro, Citizen
Gene Aronovitz, Citizen
Richard Goodman, Citizen

Mr. Mike Hatcher, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lee Swerdlin moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Andrew Burgess. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Naomi Wright moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Kenneth Carsto. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

No new members

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SLIM LINE BUS SHELTERS UPDATE

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) Director, Roosevelt Bradley, updated the Committee on the design of the Slim Line Shelter. Mr. Bradley informed the Committee that there are locations where they can not install the regular size bus shelters. Therefore, MDT will install the Slim Line Shelter in those specific locations that don't have a regular size bus shelter. He also passed around a model of the slim line bus shelter for members to view. MDT will install as many as needed throughout the County.

B. PEOPLES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

Mr. Bradley updated the Committee on the PTP Matching Funds and on bus service expansions. He presented the following:

- implemented 18 new routes;
- made improvements on 100 routes;
- the current fleet size is 916 buses By the summer they should have a fleet of 1000 ;
- there are new bus stop signs throughout the County in Spanish, English and Creole;
- the arrival time and route number for the bus will be provided in the near future;
- there are currently 2,000 of these bus stop signs installed and by the end of the year;
- there should be 10,000 throughout the County;
- there are over 600 bus shelter installed;
- the Metrorail and the Metromover will be renovated;
- the Metromover replacement program is still in place;
- there are over 100,000 participates in the Golden Passport and Patriot Passport hundreds of participates;
- the Earlington MIC Connector received 100 million dollars from the State;

- currently, MDT is submitting is the North Corridor New Start Project with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). They hope to have a Record of Decision (ROD) by the end of this summer;
- the East-West Corridor was awarded to the contractor/consultant for further study;
- Public Works has replaced 14,000 street signs and 22 lane miles of street resurfacing has already taken place; and
- traffic signalization is still being worked on.

Fred Silverman Transportation and Planning, Director for Brickandoff conducted a 30-minute presentation concerning the Federal Guidelines for “New Starts Projects.” He discussed the following:

- environmental requirements;
- FTA’s project development;
- Status and cost effectiveness of the North Corridor and East-West Corridor;
- MIC-Earlington Heights corridor status;
- transportation models;
- land use issues; and
- existing land use, transit supportive policies, and future patterns.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

Sergio Masvidal, MDT’s Finance Consultant, conducted a 30-minute presentation on the MDT Pro Forma’s long term comprehensive plan, which included the following:

- local financial commitment;
- key factors in financial ratings;
- finance ratings in project development;
- New Starts and full funding agreements elsewhere;
- changes to the Florida Congressional Delegation; and
- New Starts appropriated projects Fiscal Years 1989- 2005.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

Mark Alvarez, Senior Research Associate with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), conducted a 25-minute presentation on how to increase the MDT’s efficiency and compared them to other agencies to see were they stands in regards to their efficiency of operation of institutional issues. His presentation included the following:

- CUTR’s relationship with Miami-Dade Transit;
- MDT/CUTR efficiency projects;
- FTA Metrorail Action Plan;
- Metrorail & Metromover Fleet Management Plans;
- manpower analysis of rail maintenance;
- Executive Compensation Study;
- PTP status report;
- Miami Beach Electrowave Analysis;
- comprehensive bus operations analysis-data collected; and
- MDT/CUTR Projects Underway.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

PUBLIC COMMENT

After the presentations concluded, the Chair requested public comment to commence.

Citizen, Michelle Parker, expressed her appreciation for MDT. She just thinks that MDT needs to work a little harder on marketing to the public what a great bus system they have in Miami-Dade.

Mr. Stanley Shapiro is a frequent user and believes the STS system is great and that MDT has been responsive to the public. He was asking for CTAC to give the County Manager support to help fund STS.

Mike Robinson had several concerns that were address by George Navarrete, MDT Acting Assistant Director.

Richman Goodman, a citizen from Miami Beach, is very content with the bus system. He also stated STS has also improved and hopes they continue to improve.

Gene Aronovitz expressed his praise for the Dade County bus system and their employees.

Committee Member Daniel Fils-Aime also expression his appreciation for MDT before excusing him himself.

C. PTP ACTIVITIES UPDATE

MDT Director, Roosevelt Bradley, presented the PTP Activities Update. He spoke about the four modes of transportation: Metromover, Metrobus, Metrorail, and Para-transit. He explained that MDT wants to use the Surtax to pay for existing services so MDT can have a strong financial plan and that when you apply for New Starts Projects through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) they consider MDT as one system. According to Mr. Bradley, one of the criteria's for the "New Start" is before you apply you must show that you can operate with what you have. The FTA is not going to award MDT any additional funding. He also notified the committee that all the commitments in exhibit one are being met (handouts). Mr. Bradley said there is misinformation about the commitment not being met, when in fact it is being met a lot sooner. Throughout the years MDT has been under-funded and this is why MDT has pursued the Surtax on various occasions. MDT asked CTAC to support the County Manager's recommendation so MDT can build a transportation system that was mandated by the public.

The Chair then requested that someone from MDT explain what the Pro Forma is and how it came about.

Mark Alverza explained when you talk about a Pro Forma your talking about planning for the next 30 years from now, which is very difficult to do. They are possibilities that the Pro Forma could be wrong. The assumptions constantly have to be updated annually. It is basically a 30-year financial plan of assumptions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alina Schreiber acknowledged that there was a lot of negative publicity circling the PTP. She came to share with the committee how she has seen the system improve since the citizens voted for the PTP.

The bus system has improved and the residents need a connector to the airport. There just needs to be more marketing on the things that are being done so the residents can understand what MDT is doing with the PTP funds.

J.W. Johnson, Transport Worker Union President, wanted to let the CTAC know that his union fully supports the County Manager and MDT in their efforts to use the Surtax money. He hopes that CTAC will support it, too.

Sherwood DuBose expressed that MDT is heading in the right direction and encourages CTAC to support the County Manager and MDT in support up the using the Surtax.

Vivienne Jackson expressed the need for a greater transit system. She also ask CTAC for their support for the Surtax.

Denny Woods, President of the Paraplegic Association, asked CTAC to pass a Resolution to the County Manager asking: Do not build anymore bus shelters unless the passage path is behind the shelter that it be a minimum of 36 inches behind the shelter or if it is placed in the front make sure that the sidewalk is 60 inches wide 18inch - 24 in grassy lane parallel to the street between the side walk and the curve drop off. And don't install anymore bus shelters out in the grass were there are no sideways to reach the bus stop.

Mr. Navarrete in rebuttal to Mr. Wood's Resolution explained that the independent departments and entities have concluded that MDT installations have been in compliant with the ADA requirements. In the areas that have a bus stop and no sidewalks Public Works will be adding sidewalks through the bonds program.

The Chair decided to move Mr. Wood's request to Subcommittee for further discussion with MDT and Public Works.

Miles Moss, CITT Vice-Chair, explained that the CITT felt very strong about supporting MDT to use the Surtax and encouraged CTAC to take some kind of action tonight on this matter.

CTAC members raised several concerns that lead to a 45-minute question and answer period between CTAC members and the presenters that followed the public comment.

The Chair closed with saying I hope this was very educational for the citizens and the rest of the agenda will be deferred to the next CTAC meeting.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Deferred

IX. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

Deferred

X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

Deferred

XI. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

Deferred

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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